

## **Part II**

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## **Assessing Risks from the Cerro Grande Fire**

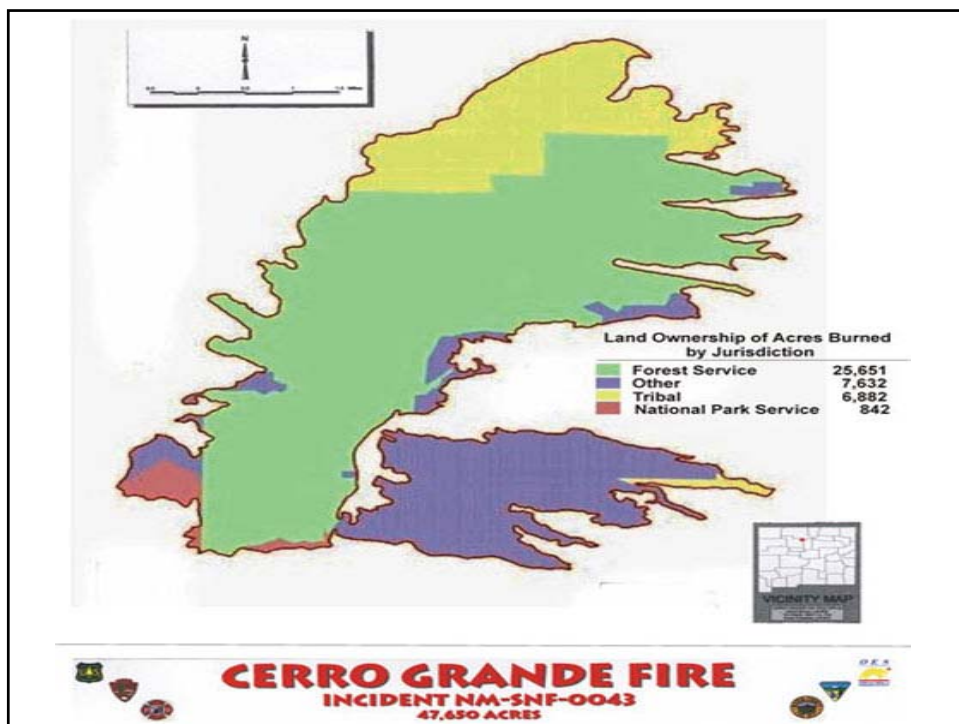
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### Development of a Native American Risk Assessment Resource Network

- Use the Cerro Grande Fire scenario as a model to develop a Case-Based Risk Assessment Training Module for Native American Communities.
- Use presentation of this module to Pueblo Community Health Representatives (CHRs) and Environmental staff members to begin to establish a resource network within the tribes with a basic understanding of environmental health and emergency responses.
- Begin to provide a network throughout the tribes that can continue trainings on other environmental topics of concern and meet the long-term objectives of developing an environmental health CHR position in each tribe.

### CONCLUSIONS:

- Word-of-mouth effective in overcoming distrust and developing community/university partnerships.
  - Nearly 100 at 12 pueblos trained from supplement, plus Hispanic communities and promotora conferences
  - Receiving unsolicited requests on a regular basis with new topics requested
- Lay health workers - integral link in rural communities
- Easy to understand trainings & assessment tools are used
- Strong liaison between the university, clinical programs, and community
- Core information with minimal topic-specific information allows for rapid adaptation to community requests while conveying key information.
- Repetition of key concepts (modified train-the-trainer model).